

SPORTS

3rd Bn. shuts out Weapons 7-0, promises no more losses



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Mike Martinette, 3rd Bn. coach and player, shuffles around a Weapons defender in a game at the Depot soccer fields Aug. 28. 3rd Bn. defeated Weapons 7-0 in the game, improving their record to 4-1. They hold the second-place position in the league standings behind the Air Station.

Wawas whip FTC 15-4, good teams add distance in standings

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The Wawas took advantage of Field Training Company’s untimely errors and their own solid defense on the way to a dominating six-inning, 15-4 victory at the Depot softball fields Aug. 27.

Jeff Epstein, the Wawas leftfielder, carried his squad with another solid performance both in the field and at the plate. He batted 3-4 with a home run, two singles and two runs scored.

For the Wawas, the fact that 10 of their players actually showed up for a game was far more important than Epstein’s performance. The Wawas have experienced a recent rash of absenteeism at their games due to outside engagements, but the Wawas performance with a full squad was so impressive that their playoff aspects remain exciting.

Another change for the evolving

Wawas was shortstop James Martin’s drop in the batting order from leadoff to sixth. Martin has provided sure-handed defense up the middle all season long, but his offensive statistics had slipped over the last few games. Martin took full advantage of the lack of pressure associated with the sixth spot in the line-up by going 3-4 at the plate.

Field Training Company scored one run in the first inning and three runs in the sixth inning. Other than that, FTC posted all zeros. That offensive ineptitude has plagued FTC since the beginning of the second season, and it does not bode well for their future prospects.

The Wawas spread out their scoring throughout the game spraying singles all over the field. Tony Boone, the Wawas catcher, was one of those players, dropping hits just over the heads of the FTC infielders, and going 4-4 at the

plate with four singles and three runs scored, which is tremendous production from the 10th batter.

The Wawas victory improved their overall record to 4-3 and dropped FTC’s record to 3-7.

Medical cuts PCD, 18-2

Medical rode the success of a 13-run first inning to dominate an out classed PCD team, earning a 18-2 victory at the Depot softball fields Aug. 27.

Once again, Medical’s Carl Morgan and Tiger Bell led the Naval charge. Morgan went 3-3 with three singles and three runs scored, and Bell went 3-4 at the plate with three singles and three runs scored.

Medical’s scorecard was filled with a mix of walks and singles, displaying that their lack of power does not spell a lack of production.

After their first-inning explosion,

Medical produced one run in the second inning and four runs in the third. That would be all they would need as they blanked PCD three out of four innings. Medical’s only blemish was in the third inning when they allowed PCD to score two runs.

The sole bright spot for PCD was Jason Tierson, who went 2-2 with two runs scored. Other than Tierson’s performance, PCD was greatly outplayed on their way to their ninth loss of the season with no wins. Medical increased their record to 4-2 with the victory.

Nads kick PCD, 14-3

The Nads were pulsed by a balanced offense and good timing during their 14-3 victory over the struggling PCD team at the Depot softball fields Aug. 27.

The game began with fireworks as little-used Nads’ outfielder Bill Plate was

ejected by the home plate umpire for improper language. After the ejection, the Nads bats came alive, scoring 10 runs over the next three innings.

Nads’ leadoff man Josh Brown sparked the offensive fire by batting 3-4 with three runs scored, and continued to play well in the outfield.

Alonzo Baxter, who just joined the Nads after ITC folded, immediately made his presence felt by smacking a three-run home run in the third on his way to a 4-4 night at the plate with three runs scored and five RBIs.

The Nads’ offensive trio was completed by second baseman Ashley Crosby, who added a home run to his stats while going 3-4 with three runs scored.

PCD dropped to 0-11 on the season, while the Nads further secured their grip on second place with a 7-3 record.

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3rd Bn. defeated Weapons 7-0 in intramural soccer action at the Depot soccer fields Aug. 28.

The win helped 3rd Bn. maintain its second-place slot in the league standings at 4-1.

Based on past history, Weapons did not stand much of a chance against league veterans 3rd Bn.

Early on, the matchup became an inevitable repeat of the Weapons’ game against the Air Station — the old hands face the new kids on the block. This outing proved, once again, that in this league, seniority will be served.

Though 3rd Bn. definitely had the upper hand as far as talent and experience, they admitted that Weapons had a huge advantage over them in another area.

“They have one thing we don’t, and that’s quantity,” said Mike Martinette, 3rd Bn. coach and player. “We started the game with only four players. We ended up with six, but seven goals

later...we were beat.”

Whether short on players or not, 3rd Bn. is second in league standings only to the undefeated Air Station team.

The two league leaders finally got to face off Aug. 26 at the Depot soccer fields, resulting in 3rd Bn. being handed its first, and only, loss of the season thus far.

Yet, 3rd Bn. reportedly gave the Air Station their best competition of the season, forcing the game into overtime. 3rd Bn. managed an early lead before things turned around, and the Air Station eventually won by one goal.

After such a hard-fought battle that went down to the wire, 3rd Bn. is certain it has the capabilities to knock the number one team down to number two, when they to match up again.

“I really don’t see that happening again,” said Martinette of the 3rd Bn. loss. “We were up 3-1 and then let them come back on us. Once overtime started, we were too laid back, enabling them to get a quick goal.”

With the two teams having such commanding leads over the

rest of the league, it is not hard to figure out who will be left standing in contention for the league trophy. Both the Air Station and 3rd Bn. are confident, however, that their team will come out with that trophy and as number one.

“Of course it will be us fighting at the end,” said a confident Martinette. “There’s no one else in the league, and my team will be the one to pull it out.”

Despite the ongoing battle to find out who is to be the best of the best, many other league teams take comfort in other aspects of playing. Weapons seems to be pleased with its progress, despite accumulating only one win thus far this season.

“We’ve definitely come a long way since the beginning of the season,” said Andrew Comrie, Weapons player and coach. “These guys are playing smarter and it shows. More importantly, however, we’re having a blast out here.”

Weapons is scheduled to face CSSF Monday at 6 p.m. at the Depot soccer fields. 3rd Bn. and the Air Station continue their battle for first Sept. 22.